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## Israel Demands Release Of Ship Held in Suez Canal

### Protest Sent to Security Council

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — Israel, in a letter sent to the U.N. Security Council last night, demanded the immediate release of the unarmed, 100-ton Israeli ship Bat Galim, held in the Suez Canal yesterday morning following allegations that the Israeli had fired on Egyptian soldiers in Egyptian territorial waters.

### Salem: 2 Egyptians Died from 'Attack'

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuters). — Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance, announced tonight that two Egyptians had died today in Suez Hospital from wounds received when the Israeli ship Bat Galim, "opened fire on Egyptian" yesterday.

### Egyptians Find Lone Pistol on Bat Galim

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuters). — The only weapon found during a search of the Israeli ship, Bat Galim, which had been taken to Suez under escort, was a revolver, according to police sources.

The letter, issued by Ambassador Abba Hushi, made the point that the vessel was entirely unarmed with the exception of the captain's pistol. It charged that the seizure of the ship, proceeding from Massawa to Haifa with a mixed cargo of meat, plywood and hides, was "but the latest expression of the Egyptian Government's scorn for the Security Council and its resolutions, and must be viewed against the background of the mounting number of murders, Egyptian attacks against Israeli territory in recent weeks."

It was understood that if Egypt continued to hold the ship or did not allow her to proceed through the Suez Canal, the Israeli delegation would probably ask for a meeting of the Security Council to consider the matter, possibly by Friday or Saturday.

The Government of Israel reserves its right to pursue this matter further in the Security Council in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and resolutions of the Security Council, the letter said.

It described as "reckless fabrications" the Egyptian version of the incident, given by Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance.

It declared that Egypt had been guilty of an act of aggression in detaining the vessel, and recalled the Security Council's resolution of September 1953, in which Egypt was called upon to "terminate the restrictions on the passage of international commercial shipping through the Suez Canal."

With 9 Other Ships  
The letter revealed that the vessel reached Green Island, off Port Tewfik, at 5 a.m. and had entered the Suez Canal at 5.30 a.m. and had identified herself alongside the Israeli ship Euphrates, a Norwegian freighter, and an Onassis oil tanker. All four vessels had then moved towards Port Tewfik.

At 5 a.m., the Bat Galim was boarded by Egyptian port, health, and immigration officials, and a routine check was conducted in a friendly atmosphere in which the Egyptian officials greeted the Israelis on the occasion of the Jewish New Year and drank a toast with them.

At 9 a.m., an Egyptian patrol launched an approach, and coast guards then boarded the ship. At that time, radio communication with the ship's offices in Haifa was terminated.

The Bat Galim, belonging to the Dolphin Shipping Co., carried a cargo of 30 tons of canned meat, 40 tons of plywood and 20 tons of hides.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Egyptian Counselor Ali Kamil Fahmy called on the State Department this morning to explain to the U.S. Government the Egyptian point of view concerning the incident.

In London today, Egyptian Ambassador Abdul Rahman al-Hakki called on Mr. A. Dods-Parker, British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to protest the Bat Galim incident. He requested a plea for the Western powers to take urgent measures to deter further Israeli aggression.

Dr. Mahmoud Asmi of the Egyptian U.N. delegation said that the incident had produced a "far from optimistic" reaction to Israel's recent peace moves.

### Cairo Statement On Boat 'Mendacious'

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem yesterday termed "mendacious" the Egyptian Government statement that the Israeli vessel, Bat Galim had fired on Egyptian territorial waters on Tuesday morning.

The "indefensible character" of Egypt's position was demonstrated by the fact that she found it necessary to resort to so improbable an invention as an attempt to justify the detention of the ship (the first vessel firing the Israeli flag to enter the Suez Canal).

The spokesman asserted the perfect right of the Bat Galim to pass through the Suez Canal, an international waterway open at all times to shipping of all nations. The right of free passage through the Canal is guaranteed by the Constantinople Convention, the binding force of which Egypt has only recently reaffirmed, he pointed out.

### EYTA CALLS ON ENVOYS IN T.A.

Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, met with Sir Francis Evans, the British Ambassador, Mr. P.E. Gilbert, the French Ambassador, and Mr. A. Williams, First Secretary of the U.S. Embassy, in Tel Aviv on Tuesday to inform them of the facts of the incident in which the Egyptian authorities had seized the Israeli vessel, Bat Galim, in the Suez Canal on Tuesday morning.

At the same time, Israel's Ministers to the various Western powers of Europe were instructed to present those governments with information on the affair.

### Nutting, Fawzi Meet On Suez Agreement

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuters). — Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, had a useful three-hour talk today with Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, Major Salah Salem, in the Egyptian capital.

Mr. Nutting arrived here by air last night to continue the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Suez Canal Zone.

Another source said that at today's meeting, which was attended by the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, the main points of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute were touched on and British views were presented.

First detailed discussions will be held tomorrow, when Mr. Nutting will attend a meeting of the Finance Committee which recently began work on the Suez Canal Zone.

He said that he expected final signature of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement before the beginning of October. This would clear away a great impediment to the long-discussed strengthening of the Arab League with military ties among its members.

Hasana earlier had visited the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. John Jernigan.

## Last of Refugee Blocked Accounts Freed by Israel

The Government has agreed to proceed with the release of the outstanding balances of their accounts in Israeli banks (about \$2m.) together with articles deposited for safe custody and the contents of safe deposit lockers at present vested with the Custodian of Absentee Property. As previously, the balances of accounts will be paid on the basis of one pound sterling per one Israeli pound.

This was announced in New York on Monday by the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, and follows discussions with the Palestine Conciliation Commission in pursuance of the Government's undertaking of September, 1953.

The statement recalled that, as from that date, the Government has already released film, the major part being paid for the benefit of thousands of refugees in various Arab countries.

The new arrangement has been made possible by special long-term facilities for the provision of foreign exchange offered the Government by one of the banks concerned.

The Government is now in consultation with the FIC regarding the procedures to be adopted for the implementation of this scheme, the statement said. It has informed the Commission of its readiness to consider the necessary procedural adjustments, including any that may be proposed by the representatives of the banks themselves, designed to secure a speedy and efficient release to those entitled to benefit from the scheme.

## 2,000 Reported Killed by Typhoon in North Japan

HAOKADATE, Japan, Wednesday (UP). — National police headquarters announced today that 1,967 persons had lost their lives, 1,135 were injured, and 176 were missing following the destruction of 200 k.g. typhoon which cut a swath of death across Northern Japan on Sunday night. The toll of lives appeared likely to exceed 2,000.

Just outside Hakodate harbor, 1,450 died in the sinking of five inter-island ferries, including the Toya Maru which carried 1,200 passengers, of whom 1,000 were killed, among them 57 Americans.

Reports still had not been received from all the small coastal villages of Northern Honshu and Southern Hokkaido along both sides of the 130-km. wide strait, where the worst single maritime disaster in Japanese peacetime history took place.

Five Ferry Boats Sink  
Apart from the five ferry boats, of which four carried freight trains and cargo with 228 crewmen, a large freighter sank and none of its crew of 80 were rescued.

The coast guard reported 808 ships missing and sank. The storm destroyed communications on both sides of the strait and it is expected that the toll will mount after fuller reports are sent in.

The town of Iwanabe near Hakodate was nearly totally destroyed when typhoon-whipped flames burned some 3,000 of 4,000 houses, leaving nearly 15,000 homeless.

Automatic fire from Egyptian positions across the Gana Strip on Tuesday on an Israeli unit patrolling the line in the vicinity of Kinefina, the Army spokesman said. The patrol, which returned the fire, suffered no casualties.

Marauders who had stolen a mule from New Harim, near the Gana Strip, were shot today by the Israeli patrol. The mule was recovered and the patrol dispersed when a settlement watchman fired on them on Monday night. The mule was returned to its owner, a settler who tried to break into Arab territory on the same night were forced to flee by settlement guards.

St-Val Route Marauders  
Settlers at Shiva, near the Gana Strip, managed to rout a group of eight marauders who attempted to steal irrigation pipes on Monday night. The same group tried to steal irrigation pipes from Shikharat nearby and was again driven off by settlement guards.

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Stones were thrown from Jordan territory at the Israeli settlement of Kinefina, near the Gana Strip, on Monday night. There were no casualties. Arab Legionnaires stationed on the Gana Strip fired shots at a house in the Muzara quarter, in Israeli territory, early on Tuesday morning. Again, there were no casualties.

### GIRL SAVES SHEEP

An alert 15-year-old girl from the Yarmouk settlement, Naham, near Hama, in the Gana Strip, was responsible for the flight of Arab marauders who had penetrated the settlement on Monday night.

She noticed suspicious movements near a sheep pen, and aroused the settlement. Residents with their shotguns rushed to the border. The thieves discarded four stolen lambs. (Hina)

## Britain Pledges Troops To Defend Europe, Save Unity

LONDON, Wednesday. — Britain cleared the path to a European defence agreement at the nine-power conference tonight with a bombshell promise to commit British troops to the Continent after Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warned that the U.S. was pulling out unless Europe united.

### Gen. Chu Named As Mao's Successor

HONG KONG, Wednesday (Reuters). — Mr. Mao Tse-tung was elected Chairman of the People's Republic of China by the National People's Congress in Peking on Monday.

Formerly, Mr. Mao's official title was Chairman of the Government Council. His new position was created by China's new constitution.

General Chu Teh, Commander in Chief of the Army, was elected Vice-Chairman, while Mr. Chen Shui-shan was named Premier and Foreign Minister.

General Chu's appointment was regarded as a nomination to succeed Mr. Mao. The Vice-Chairman was created by the office of the Chairman should the office fall vacant, Peking Radio said.

The Congress also elected Mr. Liu Shao-chi, trade union chief and a China's Moscow-trained theoretician, to the key post in the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

The laws, decrees and appointments promulgated by Mr. Mao as titular head of the republic will be made only "in accordance with the decisions of the Congress or its Standing Committee," the radio announced.

When the Congress is not in session — and it meets only once a year — the Standing Committee has the power to declare war and sign a peace treaty.

### Israel Said Selling Spitfires to Burma

NICOSIA, Wednesday (UP). — Informal sources said today that Israel has sold 30 Spitfire fighter planes to Burma. They are being ferried there by a British firm, Air Services.

Three Spitfires are in Cyprus preparing to fly to Burma in easy stages. The ferry pilots include a woman, Jacqueline Moggridge, who was a ferry pilot during World War II.

### Ex-Polish Security Leader in US

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — Attorney-General Herbert Brownell, Jr., announced here yesterday that Josef Swiatko, former deputy department chief in the Polish Ministry of Public Security, has been granted asylum in the U.S.

His announcement said that Swiatko took refuge in the American sector of Berlin 10 months ago. Communist broadcasts made vague references to his disappearance after he had left Warsaw for East Berlin to confer with the chief of the East German intelligence service.

Mr. Tom Driberg, member of the Executive, in accepting the resolution, said that while it was not for the Labour Party to argue the pros and cons of "monks" (union with Greece). It is our business to see that they (the Cypriots) like other colonial peoples have self-determination to decide their own future.

Although Mr. Bevan's bid for the treasury deprived him of his seat in the Executive, the Government has accepted a compromise territorial settlement of the nine-year-old Trieste dispute. He said that the agreement would call for the withdrawal of about 4,000 U.S. and British troops from Zone "A" and the transference of that zone, including the city of Trieste, to Italian administration.

### Formosa Says Attack On Islet Repulsed

TAIPEI, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Nationalist Defense Ministry claimed today that it had beaten off an attempted landing by mainland troops on one of the islands of the Matsu group, a small archipelago at the northern end of the Formosa Strait just off the mainland.

It is said that the attempt was made by 40 to 50 junk. The Ministry also stated that Nationalist planes had attacked Chinese ships along the Fukien-Chiang coast with rockets and bombs. Returning planes reported that they had sunk nine motor vessels.

Meanwhile, Nationalist sources announced that two Chinese planes had flown over the Nationalist-held Taichow island about 400 kms. south-west of Shanghai. One plane was reported damaged by ground-fire.

A report from New Delhi today said that the Peking Government is planning to appeal to the International Court in The Hague against the decision denying her membership in the United Nations. The account, from the Peking correspondent of an Indian newspaper, stated that the first steps for bringing the case up at the Court had already been taken.

Later, at a press conference, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said that the London Conference will and successfully tomorrow night or Friday morning. He pledged "this London Conference will not fail."

The British decision was a momentous victory for France, as it opened the way for European unity. The French Ambassador went as he listened to the announcement in the conference room.

Parley Prospects Bright  
All delegates to the nine-power conference said that the British offer to maintain troops on the European continent had transformed the prospects of the parley.

The conference has already agreed that West Germany and Italy should join Britain, France, Belgium and Luxembourg in the 50-year Brussels Pact of 1948. This would mean that all the powers automatically go to war on behalf of each other if they are attacked.

With Inning, Pinch Homer Wins for Giants in Series  
NEW YORK, Wednesday (UP). — Raging Dusty Rhodes, his anger mounting as he rode the bench, spent his spleen on the Cleveland Indians today with a three-run pinch-hit homer in the 10th inning which swept the New York Giants to a 4 to 3 victory in the opening baseball game of the World Series. Manager Leo Durocher substituted Monte Irvin in the lineup for Rhodes at the last moment.

Grissom was the winning pitcher and Hegan the loser. The Giants used three pitchers with Maglie starting. Lomon opened for the Indians. The Giants had nine hits and committed three errors; the Indians eight hits and no errors.

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**Assembly Head Raps Iraq Attack on Israel**  
NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — A wild attack on Israel in the general debate of the U.N. General Assembly by Dr. Fadhil Ja'fari of Iraq, was met by a cutting rebuke from Assembly President Nelson van Kieften.  
An Israeli announcement said that since the Arab states had provoked a bitter controversy which could have been avoided, Israel will tell the whole story of Arab aggression when she takes the floor in the Assembly.  
When Dr. Ja'fari completed his blood-thirsty tirade against Israel and was leaving the podium, Mr. van Kieften delivered the rebuke and asked that all future speakers observe "moderation."  
The Israeli spokesman issued a statement calling Dr. Ja'fari's speech an "act of reckless provocation" and said that its purpose and effect is to increase tension in the Middle East. It breathes aggressive  
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